COULD NOT ENDURE LOSS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Strange Psychological Problem Presented in the Case of Mrs. Keck and Mrs. Hitchings.

ALMOST ENDED IN MURDER.

Were Devoted Friends Until Mrs. Keck's Love Turned to Aversion -Other Woman, She Alleges, Shot and Stabbed Her.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Allentown, April 13.-Mrs. Emily S. Keck. who, a week ago, was shot and seriously wounded by her former intimate friend, Mrs. Alice Hitchings is improving, and when her recovery is assured, Mrs. Hitchings's attorneys will ask the court to admit the prisoner to ball. No date has been fixed for a hearing, and it is likely that the defense will waive the preliminary examina-

To the normal woman who believes that the ideal consists in the love of the right man for the right woman Mrs. Hitchings and Mrs. Keck present a curlous psycho-

Friendship Changed to Aversion. They believed, after meeting each other, that the ideal consisted in a frienship between two women. Then one of them became weary of the other. Her regard changed to aversion. The one forsaken tried to win her friendship cack by every wile at her command. Her overtures were

greeted with sneers. The next step was a tragedy. Now Alice Hitchings, mourning not for her freedem, but for her lost friend, is in jail for attempted murder, while Mrs, Emma Keck faces death in the hospital.

The alienist and the normal woman differ in the diagnosis of the causes which led to the alleged attempt at murder. Accustored to look on all conditions out of the ordinary as a form of disease, the alientst declares these cases are purely pathological and incurable. He would promptly hang both women and end all discussion of the

Gave Woman She Shot \$2,400. The normal woman grants that his reasoning is logical, but refuses to accept his conclusion. She knows he may err in his swift judgment; men always being likely to blunder when trying to fathom women's

Alice Hitchings has a kindly, motherly face. Now, in prison, as she talks of Mrs. keck and her jost friendship, her eyes all

"I did not shoot her." she waispered softly, "but she scorned me so. What caused all the trouble between us? I gave her \$2,400, but I care nothing for that. At last I was forced to believe she only simulated friendship, and that nurt me so, for I be-lieved in her implicitly once.

"Beautiful Friendship" at First.

"Our friend-hip began three years ago. I helped her in business with my money and was ready to do all I could for her. and was ready to do all I could for her. At last she would not speak to me. Yet our friendship was beautiful at brist. We were not allike mentally. I was ione of cooks. She cared only for blautiful cothes and to make a show. Despate this difference, in the old days, we were always harmonious. It lifted me up to talk to her even though the conversation was of trivial things.

"I have no children. She has a 12-year-old daughter. She, too, was fond of me, and I of her. I miss her also. I followed her mother about, begging that she become reconciled, pleading for one kind word. Then it was she scorned me so. I asked only for one kind word. It was so little to give. I see it all now. She never could have been my friend."

Mrs. Keck's Version of the Matter. Then Mrs. Keck gave her version:
"Mrs. Hitchings tried to kill me. She was
hiding behind a tree, and with the exclamation. 'Now. I've got you,' she sprang at
me. First, she stabhed me and then she
fired. For a long time I have feared her.
I would not renew our friendship, and she

fired. For a long time I have feared her, I would not renew our friendship, and she constantly followed me.

"I wanted to end our acquaintance entirely, I was disappointed in her on knowing her, and ceased to care for her society. Many times I appealed to men for their protection from her when returning home at night. She was following me, and I feared to go alone."

W. S. Hitchings discussed his troubles: "Better woman never lived than my wife," he said. "She is a good business woman, a woman of sound judgment. I cannot understand why she permitted her mind to dwell so on Mrs. keck. I can only explain it in one way: She is a woman of strong affections. When she cares for any one she gives her whole heart.

"There is nothing she will not do for one, if her interest is aroused. She is entirely unselfish. She was a kind, good wife always. On one occasion I went to Mrs. Keck at my wife's request and asked her to receive the latter just once, as she was so unhappy. Mrs. Keck agreed to see her. Alice called. For a long time afterwards she was happier, but Mrs. Keck refused to speak the next time they met, and soon she was sorrowing more deeply than ever."

LEFT THOUSANDS

New York Reciuse Gave \$10,000 in Trust for the Maintenance of Her Pets.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, April 13.-Miss Ellen A. Griffin. who was at one time prominent in social circles in this city, and who has for years been living the life of a recluse, in her will, which was made public after her death last week, left \$10,000 to her housekesper, Mary McGivney, to be used for the maintenance of her pet black-and-tan dog, Dandy Jim, and her canary.

Miss Griffin was worth \$150,000 at the time of bet death. Her will was carefully drawn by a lawyer. The rest of her property abs

KING EDWARD'S ORDERS TO CATALOGUE WINDSOR LIBRARY

A London paper says that his Majesty has given orders that the collection of books in the library at Windsor Castle shall be thoroughly gone through and all additions included in the catalogue. It is not generally known that the library contains a great number of manuscript works, among others Handel's scores, which were acquired by George III. During her late Majesty's reign many books were borrowed from time to time, and some of them are now missing. This fact does not reflect on the care of the librarian, because in each and every instance the volumes were sent for by high authority. The books which were the private property of the lamented monarch will be removed to Osborne Cottage, the new home of Princess Henry of Battenberg. The favorite novel of her Royal Highness and her mother was Mr. Black's romance, "A Princess of Thule," and after "Shella" Prince Henry of Battenberg named his yacht.

a. Trial experiments in France have proved cing, and the French believe they are cer-Furface. It is odd to note the different uses to which nature and science are put. On the battlefield they fight for the destruction of life, while throughout the country Hestectier's Symmach Bitters, one of Dature's most scientific medicines, fights to preserve it. For fifty years past the Bitters has been making strong stemachs and curing dyspepsia, indigestion constitution and bittoumness. In the spring when the system is usually run down this wondested medicine will be helpful in restoring your health and strength. It will also prevent malaria, fever and ague, and as an appetiant it is unequaled. He sums to give it a trail and see that our Petvate Breedung Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

Wash Dress Goods.

Mercerized Zephyrs,

43c Goods at

150 pieces imported Mercerised Zaphyra, in beautiful new Stripes, Plaids and Lace effects, in the latest shades of old rose, pinks, light blues, greens, helio, ecru, yellows and grays. Our buyer, now in the Eastern market, secured this plum, and we will "pass it along" to dur customers.

Choice Mercerised Zephyra— Regular 45-cent goods— Qa Menday....



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Specially to introduce High-Grade Mattresses At & Vary Low Price.

THE GREAT CHARM ABOUT THIS CASH-SELLING STORE IS ITS FRESHNESS!

No old stories—each announcement tells of the real life of the store at time of writing. And to-day we tell of goods very much under the prices you will pay in any other dry goods house in St. Louis.

Our Annual Sale Of Odds and Ends of

Fine Kid Gloves.

Monday morning we will commence \ our annual sale of all our broken / lots of our Finest Kld Gloves, including Trefounce Goods, Blaines, 1.10 Souvenirs and Derethys. \$1.85 "Elaine," 3 clasp-\$1.98 Nurent's "Premium Pique"—At 1.10 Pale \$1.75 Gant Pique-Monday At 1.10 Pair \$1.65 Souvenir, 3 clasp— At 1.10 Peter \$1.50 Banner, 4-hook lacing— At 1.10 Pate

4 Big Bargains in Muslins and Pillow Cases

Come and See Thom-You'll Be Surprised at the Values Offered.

2 bales extra heavy unbleached Muslin-o cases yard-wide soft finished bleached

1 case vard-wide extra fine regular 11c 71¢ 100 dozen ready-made bleached Pillow Cases, sizes 42x36, and sold regularly at 11c each Monday 9¢

In Basement.

Rare Values Monday in Boys' Clothing.

You cannot form any ides of the bargains offer unless you see them.

Boys' Strictly All-Wool Knee Pants; each good 75c value Boys' regular \$4.00 All-Wool Suits-2piece double-breasted—sizes 8 to 16 2.50

Boys' Strictly All-Wool Sailor Suits, in navy-blue Serges, ages 3 to 10 years; collar and shield trimmed with silk braid and soutsche every suit with 3.48 an extra white pique shield. Mender 3.48

Boys' 8-piece Vest Suits, sizes 9 to 16; 3.95 Boys' Washable Knee Pants, sizes 8 to 15 259

Babies' Corner.

A Magnificent Showing.

Beautiful White Pique Reefers, in all the latest designs; prices \$4.95, 83.85, 1. 10 New Beautiful Bengaline Silk Reefers;

TRIMMED HATS .. 50C to 7.95

Special Bargains for the Wee Baby. Infants' Corded China Silk Cape, with

Two Special Values in Ladies' Petticoats.

Choice of Petticoats of Pure Linen, in natural shades, full umbrella style and finished with strap nearns, together with Mercerized Bateen Petticoats, made with six rows of cording and two small ruffice, each one generously wide, choice of black or colors

Black Grenadines. Splendid Values in these Popular Goods,

places on Monday of 45-inch silk and wool Granadine, in new stripes, Septial Value at 2,35 vs.

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Nugent's Millinery.

Never at any previous season has the verdict of approval of our styles been so

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Special for Monday. 100 Elegantly Trimmed Tucked Chiffon Hats \$4.95

Trimmed Hats from 2.50 to 15.00

Waterproof Silks.

We are Sole Agents in St. Louis for Oriental Waterproof Silks In New Foulard Styles.

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Special Foulard Styles in Oriental Also Plain Black Waterproof Silks.

Cloth Etons. | We will sell a lot of Fine Kersey Eton Coats, all satisfied, with stitched satin reveres and velect collers; it tan. easter or black, worth \$1.50 sure-

Jackets for Large Ladies. | Fine Cheriot Jackets, all targets, fetu lined, faced all the way down in front with beard colors, for stout figures, 36 to 48 bust measure. | Peau de Soie, Anely athebes fully worth \$15.00 each | For each 10.00 mass

Separate Skirts Perfect hanging skirts make a graceful

Ladies' Silk Waists. Taffets

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Waterproof Silks Can Be Had Only at Nugent's.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments.

Tis not the size of canvas, nor the cost of frame, that makes the picture-so, in regard to dress, "good materials are often spoiled in the making." Every woman naturally wishes to appear well in the matter of dress, and it's simply an error of judgment when she doesn't succeed. It is that something we call art, the product of genius, coupled with indomitable ambition and long experience, which makes this great department of ours stand alone in this city.

We Call Your Attention to a Few Especially Good and Entirely New Things to Be Had This Week.

Tailor-Made Suits.

We offer you choice of two styles Ladies' Tailer-made Sutta; one with slik was and slik L'Alg-lon dellar; one with large detachable tucked was embroidered cream batisto collar and re-vetes; materials are homesoun, cheriots and Venesian cloths; colors, light gray, Havana brown, caster, blue or black; sizes from 32 to 40 bish; one of the best-fluting suits ever made and fully worth \$25.00 in regular way of self-ion.

We offer a let of very high-grade Suits for large women from 36 to 44 bust measure: made Eton style of fine black, blue or brown cheviot (light weight) and lined throughout with taffets slik; and "ith the new ruffled drop shirt; trimmed with stitched folds of taffets: a dreas strictly worth 130,00 anywhere—

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Special House-Cleaning Sale.

A special sale beginning to-morrow morning. Every housekeeper should attend and save herself time, labor, worry and dimes.10 costs Sponges An immense shipment just received for this special sale—best "sheep's wool" cleaning Sponges, a clean, fresh let. Ammonia Our own special brand, batt-galles bettle,

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The 25c size, in this sale for 17 care Half-pound package at..... 8 cents

200 Whisk Brooms...... Sale Price 10 cents 250 Whisk Brooms...... Sale Price 19 cents

Chamols Perfect skins, soft and smooth, at "special" prices & Chamels, in this sale for...... 5 cents 14c Chameis, in this sale for...... 8 cests 17e Chamols, in this sale for 10 cests 25c Chamols, in this sale for 15 cests

An assorted lot of large Sponges, worth 10c to 25c.....

ole fine Sheep's-Wool Sponge, in this sale for ... 36 cents Best Ostrich-Feather Dusters.

FREE! FREE!! PREE!!! The N. K. Fairbank Co., in order to introduce their cele-brated Glycerine Tar cap to our patrons, have arranged to distribute FREE Monday a cake of Scapus every person calling at our store.

An Extraordinary Sale of

Linens and White Goods.

A big purchase enables us to offer some Great Bargains. And this is the glad news we tell today. It will interest every housekeeper.

5 Specials in Linens. Every One a Corking Good Value.

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New Taffeta Silk Skirts, made with 5 rules of the bottom and worth \$7.50 the bottom and W places of Minch White Linen Lawn-Irigh Princess Skirts. They're beautiful when made as these are. One los finely stitched, black or colors, skeleten stik. Indeed, when the colors of the colors of the colors of the colors. Skirts finely stitched, black or colors, skeleten stik. Indeed only 14.75.

Made entirely over Taffeta Drop
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Imao Fowler, J. T. Merrick and James Powler, managers of the Etimous's Employment Ageocy, which has allow at No. 318 Office street, and Mine Sola Lation of No. 189 North Garrison avenue are under jacific timent on a charge of violating the law governing employment agencies.

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H. C. Greener, Collector of Internal Revenue, has furnished to the Merchants' Richange a copy of a circular issued by the commercial took it be paid by commercial brokers and others after July 1. The tax to be paid by commercial brokers is defined.

rants were placed in the hands of deputy shering.

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